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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, June 12, 2001

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUE000740

Ex Parte: In the matter concerning a  
draft plan for phase-in of retail electric  
competition

AMENDING ORDER

On June 1, 2001, the Staff of the State Corporation Commission ("the Staff") moved that the Commission's order of March 30, 2001, in this proceeding ("March 30 Order") be amended with respect to the configuration of certain geographic regions scheduled to be phased in to retail choice within the service territory of Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"). Specifically, the Staff requested that the Order be amended, in pertinent part, to move Northumberland County from Virginia Power's Eastern phase-in region to the Company's Central/Western region.

By way of background, in the March 30 Order, the Commission adopted schedules for the phase-in of retail choice for all of Virginia's investor-owned and cooperative electric utilities. The schedule adopted for Virginia Power establishes a one-year regional phase-in of retail choice for its residential customers

in combination with a state-wide phase-in for all other Virginia Power customers.

As part of its filing in this matter, Virginia Power submitted a map that divided the state into three phase-in regions for the three-part phase-in of residential customers, delineating the counties, towns, and cities contained within each of the regions. That map, depicting the three regions proposed for Virginia Power's phase-in of retail choice, was made part of the Staff's Revised Recommended Plan for the Transition to Retail Access, adopted, with modifications, in the Commission's March 30 Order.

Subsequent to the Commission's issuance of the March 30 Order, the Staff was advised by the vendor selected for portions of the Virginia Energy Choice customer education plan that Northumberland County, which had been placed in the Eastern phase-in region, is actually in the Richmond media market that serves the Central/Western region.

Whereupon, the Staff moved that the March 30 Order in this matter be amended to move Northumberland County from the Eastern region to the Central/Western region for the purposes of the phase-in of Virginia Power's residential customers. Since all other Virginia Power customers will be phased-in on a state-wide basis, this will have no effect upon them.

The Staff further stated that switching Northumberland County from the Eastern region to the Central/Western region will not disrupt the allocation of customers into the three regions in groups approximating one-third of the total number of Virginia Power residential customers. The Eastern region now has about 25,000 more customers than the Central/Western region. The placement of Northumberland in the Central/Western region will, according to Staff, actually make those two regions more equivalent in size.

Staff further indicates that it has discussed this issue with Virginia Power, and the Company has stated that it has no objection to Staff's motion herein.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the Staff's motion, is of the opinion that the relief sought therein should be granted for the reasons set forth in the motion.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Commission's Order of March 30, 2001, in this matter is hereby amended to move Northumberland County from Virginia Power's Eastern phase-in region to the Company's Central/Western region.

(2) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.